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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claims without adding any new subject matter:

1. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller for moving a conveyor, said roller comprising ~~a cylindrical rotatable roller having at least one non-rotatable cylindrical surface spaced axially and exteriorly from said rotational roller~~ a rotatable portion intermediate a first and second cylindrical non-rotatable surface, each said non-rotatable surface comprising a hollow tube extending axially outward from said rotational roller and wherein said hollow tubes have a diameter substantially the same as a diameter of said rotatable portion.
2. Cancelled
3. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 2 wherein said rotatable portion comprises a rotatable roller tube, and said hollow tubes cylindrical surfaces are stationary have a radial end surface.
4. [Original] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 3 wherein said roller tube includes a motor for rotating said roller tube.
5. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 4 wherein said first and second cylindrical hollow tubes are axially disposed about a central shaft; ~~and said first cylindrical surface has a first diameter and said second cylindrical surface has a second diameter.~~
6. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 5 wherein said central shaft comprises a rotatable shaft portion disposed between said first and second ~~cylindrical surfaces~~ hollow tubes, and wherein ~~said roller tube has a diameter larger than said first and second diameter of said cylindrical surfaces so that said roller tube contacts and moves said conveyor and said first and second cylindrical surfaces are spaced from said conveyor.~~
7. [currently amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 6 further including first and second stationary shafts, said rotatable shaft portion disposed axially and intermediate said first and second shafts axially disposed relative said rotational shaft portions,

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wherein said first and second stationary shafts are fixedly secured to said first and second ~~cylindrical surfaces~~ hollow tubes respectively.

8. [Original] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 7 wherein said rotatable shaft portion is carried by said motor.

9. [Original] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 8 wherein one end of said rotatable shaft portion presents a pinion for driving said rotatable roller tube.

10. [currently amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 9 wherein each of said ~~cylindrical surfaces~~ hollow tubes cover the ends of said rotatable portion, respectively so as to inhibit contacting said rotatable portion when said rotatable portion drives a conveyor belt.

11. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 10 wherein said ~~first and second cylindrical surfaces~~ each radial end surface is non-rotating.

12. [Original] A conveyor system as claimed in claim 11 wherein said stationary ends bar access to said rotatable roller tube when said stationary ends are accidentally contacted.

13. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller for supporting and driving a conveyor medium comprising:

- (a) a hollow drum defining a rotatable supporting surface having a cylindrical shape disposed between a first and second ~~generally cylindrical non-rotating~~ hollow tube surfaces each non-rotating surface spaced axially outwardly from said rotatable support surface said hollow tubes having an outer diameter substantially the same as a diameter of said rotatable supporting surface;
- (b) said first and second ~~generally cylindrical axially non-rotating surfaces non-rotating~~ hollow tubes co-axially secured to first and second spaced apart stationary shafts respectively;
- (c) one end of each of said stationary shafts disposed internally of said hollow drum for carrying a driving driver means for rotating said hollow drum between said first and second spaced apart stationary shafts.

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14. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 13 wherein said ~~hollow drum presents an outer diameter greater than the outer diameter of each of said generally cylindrical axially non-rotating surfaces; whereby said outer diameter of said hollow drum drives said conveyor medium, and wherein the outer diameter of said hollow tubes where said non-rotating surfaces do not contact said conveyor medium.~~

15. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 14 wherein each said ~~non-rotating surface~~ hollow tube includes a radial end for receiving said first and second spaced apart stationary shafts respectively, and wherein said radial ends are stationary.

16. [Previously Presented] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 15 wherein said hollow drum includes a rotating shaft co-axially disposed between said stationary shafts.

17. (Currently Amended) A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 16 wherein said hollow drum presents a first end flange and a second end flange; and roller bearing means disposed between said first and second end flanges and said first and second hollow tubes ~~generally cylindrical non-rotating surfaces~~ respectively.

18. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 17 wherein said first and second hollow tubes ~~non-rotating surfaces~~ are axially spaced from said first and second flanges.

19. [Currently Amended] A motorized conveyor roller as claimed in claim 18 wherein said non-rotating hollow tubes ~~surfaces~~ are secured to said stationary shafts.

20. [Currently Amended] A method of inhibiting contact with a motorized rotatable conveyor roller driving a conveyor medium by placing said motorized rotatable conveyor roller having a diameter and two opposite ends between a pair of opposed generally cylindrical non-rotatable ~~rollers~~ hollow tubes extending axially and exteriorly from said motorized rotatable roller, where the diameter of said ~~motorized rotatable conveyor roller~~ hollow tubes is selected ~~so as to contact and drive said conveyor medium, and where the diameter of the non-rotatable rollers is selected so as not to contact said conveyor medium, and cover the ends of said rotatable portion~~ are substantially the same as said diameter of rotatable conveyor roller.

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21. (New) A motorized conveyor roller having a rotatable roller with a diameter and a hollow tube having a diameter substantially the same as said rotatable roller, and co-axially disposable at one end of said roller.

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CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 2 is objected to because the language is inconsistent in terms of plural and singular language.

Kindly note that claim 2 has been cancelled.